

Literacy

Reading

In reading, we will practise using our six (P4 – 7) comprehension strategies to help us understand what we read. We have started the term by looking at non-fiction texts (wolves, gorillas and pigeons) which link in subject to our novels; The Last Wolf, The Gorilla Who Wanted to Grow Up and E.S.P.

Through this we will also;

- Become more familiar with the features of non-fiction books
- Use our knowledge of phonics to sound out unfamiliar words
- Develop our reading fluency.
- Show understanding by completing follow up tasks.

We will also continue to use Reading Wise to develop our decoding and understanding of vocabulary.

Writing

In writing we will

- Extend our use of different types of sentences to include exclamations and topic sentences.
- Consistently use capital letters and punctuation in our sentences and introduce commas in lists.
- Continue to extend our sentences by using a variety of connectives including 'but', 'so' and 'because' and also positional sentence openers such as 'Beside' and 'In the distance'.
- Present work to the best of our ability, increasingly using a joined script.

Listening and Talking

In listening and talking we will:

- Ask open questions to find out more information.
- Take part in group and class discussions.
- Share ideas when appropriate.

P4 Curriculum Overview

October – December 2022

Important Information

Please support your child by

- Sending a named PE kit on a Monday
- Provide a filled water bottle and a healthy snack. This could be fruit, crisps or biscuits but **not** sweets.
- Providing appropriate outdoor clothing including a coat.

Please discourage your child from bringing toys to school.

Global Human Impact

In this topic we will be learning about mapping, and the importance of looking after the environment at a school, local and international level. We will look at the human impact on plants and animals and what we as individuals can do to make a positive impact on global problems. We will also look at how our school looks after the environment and how we can improve.

Music/Art/Drama

Music, art and drama will link with our topic Global Human Impact as a stimulus.

We will learn the songs to the P6 musical 'Pantastic' and perform these to an audience as a choir.

French

This term we will talk about

- where we live and compare Scotland with France, and Kelso with a french town linking with our learning about maps.
- our families and our birthdays, linking with our learning about the calendar
- French festivals including Hallowe'en and Joyeux Noel

Numeracy and Maths

Numeracy

In numeracy we will be learning to develop our number sense and skills through a range of numeracy topics (such as number word sequences, numerals, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division). Each group is focusing on their next steps in developing these essential number skills, so a typical maths lesson can see different topics being covered!

Maths

In maths we will be learning to:

- Develop our knowledge of fractions and link these to the analogue clock
- Tell the time in analogue, use am/pm and the calendar.

Health and Wellbeing:

PE

We develop our gymnastics, continue to play Unihoc and develop our Scottish Country Dancing.

Building resilience:

Our focus this term is to 'talk things over'. We will be learning that it's normal to feel worried but that if we don't ask for help, we can become overwhelmed. Key learning messages:

- What to do when we become worried
- It's important to ask for help
- We all feel worried sometimes

Learning Heroes

Our focus for our Edenside Learners are 'I know what to do when I am stuck' (DIY Doctor) and 'I know what to do to improve my work' (Mistake magician). We will talk about and take part in activities which promote respect.

How you can help at home

Literacy

Reading for Enjoyment

We are continuing to read for enjoyment in class. Please continue to read with your child to help foster a love of reading. We will celebrate Scottish Book Week from the 14 – 20th November.

Reading Wise

Please continue to support your child to use the website Reading Wise at home to develop their phonic fluency or their knowledge of words. We have asked the children to spend 3 x 15 minutes doing so at convenient times during the week. Certificates of achievement are celebrated every Tuesday.

Spelling

It is really important that your child practises their spelling words regularly, including at home. Vocabulary lists have been added to Showbie and the website Spellingcity.com can be used for additional practise, especially for previously taught spelling lists.

Numeracy

At Edenside we love maths! It is important that when you are talking about maths that you are enthusiastic and positive.

Talk about Maths and Numeracy

Discuss the maths and numeracy in everyday life. Include your child in activities involving numbers and measuring, such as shopping, cooking and travelling.

Online practise

Encourage your child to practise their skills at home. They can practise their basic facts using the link for their numeracy group on Showbie.

Pupils can also compete in the next Scottish Borders Sumdog Competition at home which starts on Friday 4th November. This website can also be used at any time for games based practise.

IPads

We use our iPads every day in class and so it is important that they are brought into school fully charged.

Showbie

Please look out for regular posts in the P4M Sharing folder.